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Hon. Shelley C. Chapman Hon. Mary Kay Vyskocil United States Bankruptcy Court One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004

> Re: <u>In re David Ebrahimzadeh</u> Case No. 17-11224 (SCC)

> > In re Diamond Condo LLC
> > Case No. 16-10619 (MKV)

Dear Judges Chapman and Vyskocil:

I respectfully write to request that the case of <u>In re David Ebrahimzadeh</u>, Case No. 17-11224 (SCC), be reassigned to Hon. Mary Kay Vyskocil, as the judge assigned to the first-filed case of <u>In re Diamond Condo LLC</u>, Case No. 16-10619 (MKV), for reasons explained below.

Both cases are two-party disputes between the respective debtors, on the one hand, and the secured creditor, on the other, regarding certain premises known as 70 East 77th Street, Apts. 7A/8A (the "Apartments"), in Manhattan. Diamond Condo LLC ("Diamond Condo") holds a fee simple interest in the Apartments; David Ebrahimzadeh ("Ebrahimzadeh") has been occupying the Apartments. The secured creditor has been pursuing lift-stay frelief with respect to the Apartments in the Diamond Condo case, as well as a related case in New Jersey, In re Felice di Sanza, Case No. 17-10984, which case is still pending. (Di Sanza is the sole shareholder of Diamond Condo.)

Upon information and belief, the <u>Ebrahimzadeh</u> case was filed to avoid an imminent foreclosure sale yesterday of the Apartments. The <u>Ebrahimzadeh</u> petition fails to disclose that it is related to Diamond Condo.

Reassignment of the <u>Ebrahimzadeh</u> case to Judge Vyskocil as the judge assigned to the first-filed case will conserve judicial resources inasmuch as the cases are inextricably related.

Respectfully,

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